

Bulletin Board

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the Composer".

It hardly seems possible that we're already with the Spring Newsletter. The new season is upon us and summer is just around the corner! The Archive Committee have been pulling out the stops to display as much of the archival material on-line as possible. We thank you for your continued support. Please take a moment to go on line to complete our web survey as we would love to hear from you.

Hope you like our new Logo. The "key" is symbolic of the Committee's resolve to preserve our SMHC heritage.

Lorna Weiss
Chair - Archive Collection Inc.

The Committee is pleased to announce that we have applied for Associate Membership into the Archive Association of Manitoba..

In February 2010, Heather Micklejohn, a former museum curator from the UK, attended our meeting and was able to impart a lot of interesting information for the Committee's future.



Our web site is being well used and thank you to those who have given support. Have you tried our "BLOG" - make comments, post questions, share opinions?
Do it now - its fun!

"Preserving Our Heritage To Embrace the Future" was the slogan adopted by the Committee and will be used on our correspondence and web site.

"A slide show of "Highlights" from the 2007 SMHC Reunion are now on line and can be accessed from the Archives Page.

Honourable Mention in the 2009 Free Press Non-fiction writers contest by Cheryl Girad about her late father John Martyniw, former faculty member. See web site; articles & links.



Archival Tribute Profile Annette Osted, RPN

CONGRATULATIONS to the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses for Manitoba upon reaching their 50th year as a regulated profession in the Province. A tremendous achievement.

Also Congratulations to Annette Osted who has been for the past 34 years the College's Registrar / Executive Director since 1976.

Annette graduated as a RPN from the Selkirk Mental Health Centre in 1967 and worked until her appointment with the College, at was then called the Winnipeg General Hospital, now HSC in the psychiatric services.

Annette feels that one of the College's greatest achievements was the establishment of the bachelor of psychiatric nursing degree program at Brandon University. On her future wish list she would like to see fruition to the establishment of a Masters Degree program in psychiatric nursing also at Brandon University. The program has now been approved but is presently awaiting funding. Annette hopes that it will commence in January 2011.

The SMHC Archive Collections Inc is a charitable organization and would welcome donations; artefacts and / or monetary to help towards our preservation work.

Did You Know ?

.... that in 1887 the role of the Nurse at SMHC was as follows

In addition to caring for 50 patients, each Nurse will daily sweep and mop floors of the ward, dust patient's furniture and window sills. To maintain an even temperature by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business. As well as being on duty from 7 AM until 8 PM the ward windows had to be washed once per week and the kerosene lamps, chimney cleaned and wicks trimmed daily. Any Nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop or frequents dance halls will give the Nursing Director good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity. Nurses in good standing with the Director will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes or two evenings a week if the Nurse went to church regularly.



Archive Fundraising

Order your Spring Blooms and help to fund raise for the Archive Committee.



Give your Vesey orders to Kim Hubick, OT Tyndall Building, SMHC at (204) 482 3810 **by April 21 st., 2010.**

You can also call to Lorna Weiss, Administration Building, to collect a Vesey catalogue.



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